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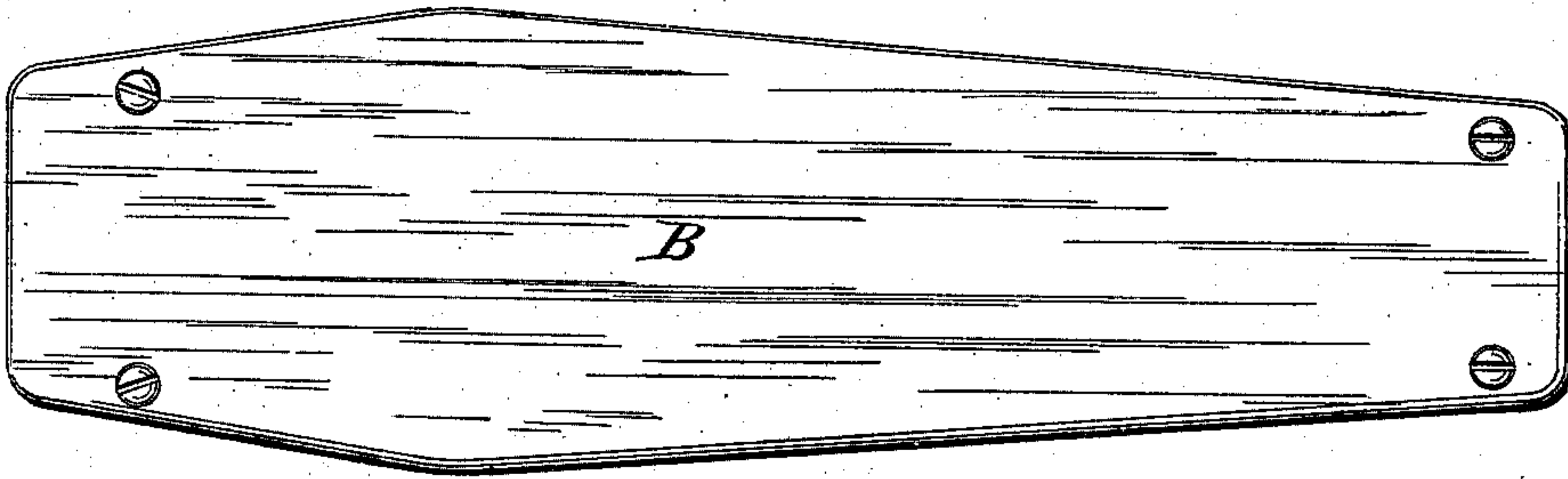
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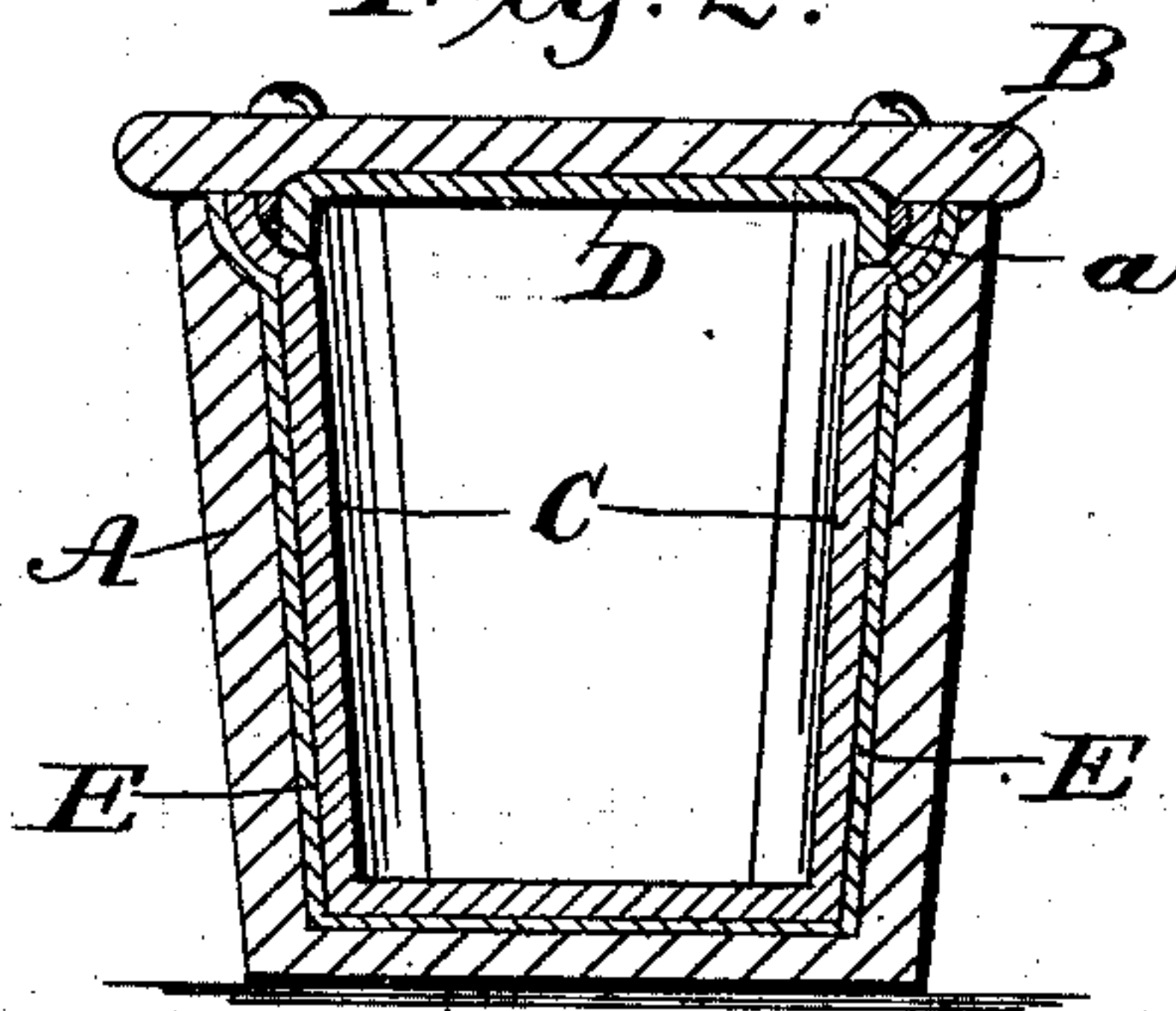
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## COFFIN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. VAN DUSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oneonta, in the county of Otsego and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffins or Caskets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 My invention consists of the combination of an inner glass coffin, set with mortar in an outer glass case, with a curved rest for a gasket to hermetically seal the glass cover.

15 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top view of a casket having my improvements therein. Fig. 2 is a cross-section thereof.

20 In carrying out my invention I make a wooden casket, A, with a removable cover, B, and insert a glass coffin, C, therein, embedding the coffin in mortar, either plaster-of-paris or other material. This coffin is provided with a glass

cover, D, Fig. 2, which is sealed in place by means of the same mortar, thus making the coffin completely air-tight for interment or transportation. The coffin may also be in- 25 closed in a leaden case and the joints sealed by a strip of lead. The outer case, A, has a curved rest or shoulder for a gasket to seal the joint, in connection with the mortar or cement.

Having described my invention, what I claim 30 is—

The combination of an inner glass coffin, a layer of mortar, and an outer case having a shoulder or rest for a gasket to hermetically seal the glass cover, substantially as and for 35 the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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